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Minutes of the Consultors Meeting  
held at 340 Wendouree Rd, on 13 May 1980  
at 11-00 am.

PRESENT.

Bishop Mulhearns, Mgrs. L. Fiscalini,  
Fr. McHenry, Frs. J. Madden, W. Melicon,  
G. Pell, K. Arundell, P. Downes  
and W. Keating.

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MINUTES.

The minutes of the meeting  
held on 31 March, 1980 were passed on  
the motion of Rev. G. Pell, seconded  
by Rev. W. Keating.

MATTERS  
ARISING.

Bishop Mulhearns reported on  
the following.

1. His discussions with Fr D. McBeathy  
about his health and his future.
2. Decision of previous meeting was  
conveyed to Fr D. Boylan.
3. The requested message to Rev. Norm  
Yodje was delivered. Norm expressed  
his gratitude.
4. Proposed Baptism guidelines were  
circulated to all the Consultors.

STAFFING:

The Bishop stated:

1. Fr Paul Ryan is available for an  
appointment
2. Fr Des O'Shea has volunteered to  
replace Fr D. Denny in P.N.G.
3. Fr D. Denny completes his P.N.G.  
term in Jan-Feb 1981. He requests  
permission to study at Durdalk,  
Ireland. He suggests his replacement  
should arrive in P.N.G. in Oct-Nov

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4 Fr. Bernard Cleary, Columbus Superior advises that Fr. Pat Hickey is available for long-term supply.

PROPERTY  
14444.  
STUART ST.  
BISHOP'S  
PALACE

Bishop reported that Mr. Frank Lynch of Byrne, Jones and Jorney has a prospective buyer for house and land who has plans for a restaurant, art gallery and motel. The approach was to be treated with strict confidence.

The initial offer was remarkably close to the price suggested by Mr. John Conaughton.

A recent conference attended by Bishop Mulhearn, Mgr. L. Fisculini and representatives of B.I. + T. agreed that the suggested subdivision of the land should be carried out, at least, initial moves should be made.

The prospective buyer came forward after this conference.

Following a prolonged discussion it was moved by Mgr. L. Fisculini, seconded by Mgr. J. Mc Kenzie:

That the Bishop's House at 14444 Stuart St. and the designated land around it be retained.

The motion was carried.

It was moved by Fr. G. Pell, seconded by Fr. J. Madden:

That advice be sought concerning the disposal of the remaining land.

The motion was carried

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PROPERTY:

MARYBOROUGH  
PARISH.

AVOCA Church stands on 2 acres.  
Permission sought to subdivide  
and sell one acre for  
building blocks. (4 @ \$2000).

Moved Rev. K. Arundell,  
seconded by Magr. L. Fiscatini  
that the proposed subdivision  
and sale be approved.  
The motion was carried.

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Following a discussion it  
was moved by Rev. K. Arundell,  
seconded by Rev. G. Pell;

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That the proposed Baptism  
Norms, after being amended in light  
of the discussion, be accepted  
as Diocesan Policy.

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The motion was carried.

Magr. J. McKenzia suggested that  
the Norms be printed in an  
attractive and permanent form.

STAFFING:

\* ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL : Rev. D. McBurney <sup>(Assistant Priest)</sup>  
CASTERTON : Rev. P. Hickey (ADM.)

Assistants. \* BALLARAT EAST : Rev. K. O'Brien  
WARRAMBOON : Rev. L. O'Toole  
CORAC : Rev. P. Ryan  
ARAARAT : Rev. W. Keating  
Rev. M. Slater.

The appointments become effective  
on June 1st, 1980.

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The meeting closed + *[Signature]*  
Bishop of Ballarat  
on 12/1/80

Minutes of the Consultants Meeting  
held at 340 Vandouree Parade, on 24<sup>th</sup>  
July, 1980 at 10.40 A.M.

PRESENT: Bishop R. McKeown, Msgr. L. Fiscalin,  
J. McKenzie, Frs. W. Malican, P. Downes,  
W. Keating, J. Madden and G. Bell.

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held  
on 13 May, 1980, were passed on  
the motion of Fr. G. Bell, seconded  
by Msgr. J. McKenzie.

REPORTS Msgr. J. McKenzie tabled  
relevant correspondence and reported  
DIOCESAN that Jackson and Associates, architects,  
OFFICES. who satisfactorily completed work at  
Aquinas College, have agreed to  
conduct a feasibility study for  
\$1,500, to be completed four weeks  
from 9<sup>th</sup> July, 1980. The study will  
consider the needs of the Bishop's  
Office, Education Office, Religious Education  
Centre and the Diocesan Family Service  
and the siting of the offices. The  
locations being considered are 1444  
Sturt St, Doveton Court, the Cathedral  
Presbytery, Hall and grounds and the  
site of the existing Diocesan offices.  
There is to be no further action  
taken until the feasibility study  
is received.

1444 STURT ST. The discussion centred on the  
advisability of selling the land approved  
for subdivision in one lot or  
proceeding with the subdivision and

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selling individual blocks.

Mr. Nick Martino on behalf of a client has made an offer of \$550,000 for the 6.6 acres. His client would buy only on the condition that the present plan of subdivision could be altered to cater for the erection of a motel.

Mr. John Conaughton believing that no single lot buyer would be available, advised that the Trusts Corporation should proceed with the subdivision and sell the individual blocks. He suggested a retired professional man should be engaged as overseer of the project. He named Mr. R. J. Sharp the ~~retired~~ <sup>former</sup> Ballarat City Engineer as one such person.

Mr. John Conaughton suggested that the Trusts Corporation could expect a <sup>net</sup> return of \$600,000 after outlaying other monies, if his proposal were adopted. He stated that the 36 lot subdivision would vary in returns because of the sites but he estimated the following returns: 7 blocks in Wendouree Parade at \$40,000 each; 10 Alfred St. @ \$22,000; 3 Sturt St. \$30,000; 4 Service St. @ \$15,000 (one strata title); 11 O'Collins Drive @ \$15,000.

During the discussion concern was expressed that subdivision activity might be disturbing to Bishop O'Collins and might be misinterpreted by the public.

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It was noted that Byrne, Jones and Torney recommended proceeding with the subdivision.

Finally it was resolved that Mr. Nick Martino be advised that his offer would not be accepted because other proposals for disposing of the land were being considered.

It was moved by Mgr. J. McHenry, seconded by Fr. B. Bell:

That the land at 1444 Sturt St. be offered for sale in one lot providing it can be thrown open to prospective buyers. Thrown open means a personal approach to developers to accept the sub-division as it is. No further conditions are to be attached.

The motion was carried.

#### STAFFING.

In discussions with the Bishop, Fr. Leo Mc Cormick suggested that he be relieved of the responsibility for the Parish and be available for supply. He would hope to be fully occupied in this work. The consultants gave general approval to this proposal. It was suggested that Fr. Mc Cormick be based in a unit at Vienney House. The question of a replacement at Landsborough was not resolved.

There was no further business at the meeting closed at 12.30 P.M.

James J. Byrne  
Bishop  
21/9/1980

Minutes of the Consultors Meeting  
held at 340 Wendouee Road, on  
29 August, 1950, at 11:00 P.M.

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PRESENT: Bishop Mulhearn, Msgrs L. Fissalini,  
J. McKenzie, Frs P. J. Downes, J. Madden,  
K. Arundell, G. Pell and W. Melison

MINUTES: The minutes of the meeting held  
on 24 July 1950 were confirmed on  
the motion of Msgr L. Fissalini, seconded  
by Fr P. J. Downes.

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REPORTS: Msgr. J. McKenzie reported that  
the architects (Daryl Jackson) have  
DIOCESAN OFFICES: completed some work on the feasibility  
study and propose a meeting on  
September 3rd at which they hope  
to receive some direction.

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Msgr L. Fissalini stated that  
he had advised Mr. Nick Martino that  
his original offer had been rejected.  
He then returned with an offer of \$600,000.  
which was their highest offer for the  
land approved for sub-division as a single  
lot. Mr. Martino had approached the  
Historical Trust who had no objections to  
his client's proposals. Mr. Martino requested  
an easement, but Msgr L. Fissalini rejected  
that idea and suggested a right of way  
of 8 feet which could be returned  
after 12 months or so.

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Msgr. J. McKenzie suggested an  
approach should be made to Byrne,  
Jones and Torney (Solicitors) for  
professional advice.

GORDON: The Bishop reported that on 19 July 1980 the Holy See through the Sacred Congregation for Bishops formally approved the transfer of Gordon Parish from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to the Diocese of Ballarat.

ST. JOSEPH'S HOME: The Bishop reported that Mr. P. Tegge, Director, Catholic Education Office, spoke of the need for technical education and he wondered whether was any possibility of transferring St. Paul's Technical College to St. Joseph's Home. Bishop Mulhearn has been corresponding with Sister Regional of the Nazareth Sisters who has not given any firm reply as to their price on St. Joseph's Home. Fr. B. Bell suggest the whole project was fraught with danger from the view of finance and interfering with the supply of students to established secondary schools.

STAFFING: The Bishop reported that:  
 Fr. Bill Keating has applied for leave of absence.  
 Fr. Roger Shepherd sought an immediate change from Hope Town.  
 Fr. Des O'Shea will cease supplying in mid-September.  
 Fr. Denis Dennehy will return end of Jan 1981.  
 Fr. Cleary has indicated that Fr. Pat Hickey (Columban) is available until the end of 1981 if he (Fr. Hickey) wishes to remain until then.



The following temporary staffing arrangements were agreed to:

LANDSBOROUGH	- Fr Roger Shepherd
HOPE TOWN	- Fr Leo Mc Cormick
COLAC	- Fr Denis McCarthy

These appointments were for the remainder of 1980.

## PROPERTIES:

## SIMPSON:

Fr R. Markey P.P. reported that the Rural Finance Commission has offered the Parish an option on 41 (ha) hectares which borders the parish property.

Moved by Mgr L. Fiscatini, seconded by Fr P. Downes that Fr Markey investigate the matter and collect the relevant information. The motion was carried.

## GENERAL

## BUSINESS:

1977 DIOCESAN  
REPORT:

1. Fr K. Arundell suggested that a general meeting of the Bishop and all priests be held to consider the staffing position and future possibilities for the Diocese.

Fr J. Madden suggested a revision of the 1977 study on staffing and a deeper look at mission in the Ballarat Diocese.

## IN-SERVICE:

2. Mgr L. Fiscatini asked that consideration be given to staying the In-service at a different venue instead of using the Clayton Seminary.

Fr K. Arundell took note of the suggestion but reported that 78 priests out of a possible

84 did attend in Melbourne.

There being no further business  
the meeting closed at 2.50 P.M.

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